



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**Horne Ford Lincoln Mercury Site**  
**600 North Coit Street, Florence, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Oversight Contract through October 1, 2014.

Oversight Contract 14-6126-OC (“Contract”), will affect approximately 8.13 acres identified by tax map numbers 90085-03-001, 90085-03-002, 90085-03-003, 90085-03-004, 90085-03-006, 90085-02-002, 90085-02-003, 90085-02-014, 90085-02-015, 90085-02-016, 90085-02-017, 90085-02-018. A company known as MRF Real Estate Holdings, LLC (“MRF”) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Contract will be between DHEC and MRF.

The property was used as an automotive dealership and service center. General location uses around the property include a former gas station and machine shop to the northwest, various commercial uses to the northeast, and a vacant SCANA facility to the southeast. The property is surrounded by residential development beyond the neighboring commercial uses.

MRF intends to redevelop the Property as a renovated and updated vehicle sales and service dealership of new and used vehicles. If this Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow MRF to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution. MRF will take steps to control the pollution to keep the property safe for re-use.

When MRF successfully and completely complies with the terms of this Contract, the Department will grant a covenant not to sue for response actions specifically covered in this Contract. Entering into this Contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed Contract, MRF will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, MRF will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/Land> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 1, 2014. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, email [stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer, email [FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov) or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.